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## FURTHER RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In the communication from the Examiner mailed on October 15, 2001, the Examiner stated that the Response to the Restriction Requirement filed by the Applicant on July 13, 2001 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. This paper is being filed in response to that further communication from the Examiner. A petition for a 1 month extension of time to respond is also attached, along with a check therefor.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicant maintains the election of Species B. However, the Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered to clarify the election of claims in response to the Restriction Requirement.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 5 - 8, 10, 12, 14, 43 and 45. Clean copies of these claims are presented on the following pages 2 - 4. Marked copies of the claims are presented in the Appendix to this response to show the changes made.